

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF ARMOND
J. MAGNARELLI

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a consummate gentleman and a terrific ambassador for the central New York community, the Honorable Armond J. Magnarelli, who passed away last weekend.

A teacher by trade at Lyncourt School, Armond entered elected office as a member of the Syracuse City School District Board of Education, eventually rising to become its president. Armond later ran for and won a seat on the Syracuse City Council and was elected council president, serving until 1985. His public service career also included service in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II.

Mr. Magnarelli worked as a marketing executive at KeyBank and later as regional director of the State parks and recreation. He was a member of the New York State Council of the Arts, New York State Draft Board, board of directors of P.E.A.C.E., Inc., and board of directors of the Syracuse Chiefs baseball team.

He was inducted into the Greater Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame and the Oswego State Athletic Hall of Fame at his alma mater. In 1950 and 1951, he coached the boys of St. Lucy's to back-to-back parochial league basketball championships.

Regardless of his position and his workload, Armond's heart never ventured far from his native northside of Syracuse. He was a member of the Our Lady of Pompei Holy Name Society for 50 years, served on its parish council, and was active in the fundraising and building of the new parish school in 1966.

Armond was a member of the Italian American Athletic Club and was well-known for his longtime work in local theater and the arts, including the famed Pompeian Players, Salt City for the Performing Arts, and Theater 90. When new development threatened the future of the Landmark Theatre in downtown Syracuse, it was Armond who stepped in to save the treasure facility.

Though retired, Armond kept busy through many civic activities, and up until recently, central New Yorkers could still visit with Armond every Sunday morning as he hosted the popular "Italian Hour" on WFBL radio.

Armond Magnarelli was a prince of a man who dedicated himself to his family, his community, and his passion for living. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

TRIBUTE TO VINCENT R. FARIAS

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Mr. SAXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Vincent Farias. On February

21, 2008 Mr. Farias will be celebrated for his contributions to Burlington County at the Burlington County Republican Committee and Burlington County Republican Women's Annual Lincoln Day Dinner.

Perhaps one of the most gregarious and enthusiastic Edgewater Park residents, Vince Farias was always a proponent of action leading to results. A veteran schoolteacher, banker, and small business owner, Vincent served 6 years on the Edgewater Park Township Committee and as mayor in 1987 and 1991.

After first filling a vacant freeholder seat in 1991, Vince went on to serve 5 terms as a member of the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders. During that time, Vince was an advocate for the county's open space preservation work and redevelopment plans. One of his most notable projects included the creation and implementation of the NJ Transit Riverline Light Rail system, which made its debut in 2004. Since then, it has had a positive ripple effect on surrounding businesses and residential communities along the Delaware River.

Vince was also instrumental in creating the county's Veterans Military Service Medal. Through this project, several military assistance programs have been developed to help aid our area veterans.

In addition, Vince worked with the South Jersey Freeholder's Association and the New Jersey Association of Counties, where he served as president in 2002. Vince has also worked with the American Red Cross and the March of Dimes.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for his leadership, commitment, and service to the public.

HONORING THE COCKE COUNTY
NAVAL JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS'
TRAINING CORPS

HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cocke County Naval Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NJROTC) program for their achievements this past year. In 2007, the Cocke County NJROTC program was ranked number one in the State of Tennessee and number six in the United States in competitions including academics, athletics, and military drill.

In addition to achieving such great accolades in competitions, the Cocke County NJROTC planned, coordinated, and completed 2,153 community service hours in the Cocke County, Hamblen County and Knox County areas during the 2006–2007 school year.

The Cocke County NJROTC is a citizen leadership program designed to develop informed and responsible young men and women who embody honor, self-reliance, self-

discipline, and respect to authority in a democratic society.

This achievement is a true honor to all the young men and women involved in the Cocke County NJROTC program. The rankings, each respectively, show the dedication and commitment to service and our Nation.

It is exciting for me to see the young men and women of Cocke County NJROTC establishing such high standards at a young age and it bestows great promise for the State of Tennessee and our Nation alike.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the House join me this evening in honoring the Cocke County NJROTC program for their commitment to excellence, dedication, and promise as future leaders of America.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ROCCO S.
OLIVERIO, JR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance and honor of Rocco S. Oliverio, Jr. He was a beloved member of his west Cleveland neighborhood, and was known for his dedication to the community. He served Ward 14 as a representative to the Cuyahoga County Central Committee with honor and distinction, and touched those around him with his unique sense of humor.

Rocco was never afraid to get involved and confront the challenges of his home neighborhood. He maintained his faith in the innate goodness of people and the ability of community and public services to overcome challenges. He invested a large part of himself in everything he did and was always genuinely interested in helping; even better, he often had a solution.

Rocco is fondly remembered by his daughters, Shellie Gay and Sheila Hall-Blagg, and his eight grandchildren.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of Rocco S. Oliverio, Jr., a man whose tireless work towards improving his hometown of Cleveland will set an example for generations to come.

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL
FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPION
NEW YORK GIANTS FOR WINNING
SUPER BOWL XLII

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to throw the full weight of my endorsement behind a resolution of substantial import and consequence: that New York's championship

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football team be congratulated and honored for its come-from-behind Super Bowl win last week, one that left the sports world simultaneously stunned and elated.

The competition was formidable and the challenge facing the Giants daunting. Experts did not give the Giants much chance of prevailing and the odds-makers in Las Vegas made them 12-point underdogs. The New England Patriots represented a veteran squad of impressive offensive muscle, strolling onto the field with a historic perfect season and an expected fourth championship within its grasp. But the New York Giants proved resilient. Eli Manning led the way, charging down the field with a 12-play, 83-yard drive that capitalized on the great skill of David Tyree, Brandon Jacobs, Steve Smith, and Plaxico Burress.

This upset was no ordinary win. Facing a team dead set on making history, the G-men blazed a trail of their own, becoming the first NFC wild card team to win a Super Bowl. Theirs is a story of unparalleled heart and inspiration, of surpassing expectations and securing triumph in the face of all odds. Theirs is an American story, and they have accordingly ascended from being New York's team to being America's team.

Join me in spirited congratulations and well wishes for America's team, the New York Giants, in their 17–14 championship win.

SANTA MARGARITA RIVER, CALIFORNIA, CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION

SPEECH OF

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of my bill H.R. 29, the Santa Margarita Conjunctive Use Project. I would like to thank Chairmen NICK RAHALL and IKE SKELTON for quickly moving this bill through their respective committees. This is now the third Congress in which this bill has passed the house, and I hope the Senate will act just as quickly.

The Santa Margarita Conjunctive Use Project is very important to U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and the city of Fallbrook. In 1966 the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California entered a stipulated judgment in *U.S. v. Fallbrook P.U.D.* directing the Department of the Interior to provide a “physical solution” to the 60/40 allocation of the Santa Margarita River. Since then, previous legislative efforts to authorize a project carrying out the Federal judge’s mandate have not been successful despite past support of Members of the California Congressional delegation. Finally, through a long process of negotiation between the Marine Corps and the city, this conjunctive use project was agreed upon. This design was deemed to fully implement the court’s directive at far less than half the cost of previous proposals with no environmental degradation.

Furthermore, passage of this authorization for the conjunctive use project is essential to giving Camp Pendleton access to the San Diego Aqueduct. Since its completion, the aqueduct has provided ample access to Southern California’s regional water supply system

for nearly all of San Diego County, except for Camp Pendleton. A key benefit of H.R. 29 will be the construction of a water system physically connecting Camp Pendleton to the San Diego Aqueduct, thereby making it possible to use imported water as needed, including emergency mobilization in time of conflict.

The conference report for the Fiscal Year 2003 Omnibus Appropriations Act directed the Bureau of Reclamation, under the Santa Margarita River feasibility authorization, to “. . . perform the studies needed to address current and future municipal, domestic, military, environmental, and other water uses from the Santa Margarita River.” Funding for Reclamation’s feasibility study of the Santa Margarita Conjunctive Use Project has been provided in each subsequent fiscal year up to the present, and its work is more than 90 percent complete. When signed into law, this project will be funded by the Department of Navy and Department of the Interior. This project is essential to ensure that Camp Pendleton has a larger water supply to meet the current and future needs of the base.

This project has been vetted by multiple committees over a number of years and found to be of the utmost importance to the Marines at Camp Pendleton, while also benefiting the city of Fallbrook. It will provide for enhanced recharge and recovery from the underground basin on Camp Pendleton to provide a constant water supply for the base, along with a safe, reliable, drought-and earthquake-proof water supply for more than 35,000 families.

Again, I thank my colleagues for working with me and my constituents to move H.R. 29 through the legislative process.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MARINE MAMMAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS IN ALASKA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce today the Marine Mammal Cooperative Agreements in Alaska Amendments of 2008.

The 1994 amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act created section 119 of the Act, titled “Marine Mammal Cooperative Agreements in Alaska,” which allows the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with Alaska Native organizations. These cooperative agreements have been very successful in creating statewide and regional Alaska Native Marine Mammal Commissions protecting species such as the polar bear, walrus, sea otters, beluga whale, harbor and ice seals, and Steller sea lions. The cooperative agreements have provided grants to Alaska Native Marine Mammal Commissions to conduct important marine mammal data collection efforts, marine mammal research, and monitor subsistence activities.

Alaska Natives have been excellent stewards of Alaska’s natural resources for centuries. The Alaska Native Marine Mammal Commissions have continued this tradition by working cooperatively with the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries

Service to successfully manage the species under their respective jurisdictions. In order to further this success, the Commissions have advocated for management of subsistence activities. Section 119 of the MMPA does not currently allow for management of subsistence activities prior to a depletion finding under the Act.

In 2000, the Clinton Administration sent Congress a draft bill to reauthorize the MMPA and included in it authorities for the Alaska Marine Mammal Commissions to manage and enforce subsistence activities. The Bush Administration followed suit including similar language in its own draft bill to reauthorize the MMPA.

I have not taken the exact approach of the Clinton and Bush proposals, however, I do believe this legislation will achieve the same result. I have worked with the administration, the Alaska Native Marine Mammal Commissions, and State of Alaska representatives to develop a bill that allows for management prior to a depletion finding under the MMPA.

The Whaling Convention Act of 1949, which governs the Bowhead whale subsistence activities, and the more recently passed legislation implementing the U.S.-Russia Polar Bear Treaty, governing the subsistence take of polar bears, are two excellent examples of legislation Congress passed to authorize marine mammal management activities.

This legislation will further refine the cooperative management process under the MMPA to ensure that Alaska Natives and the Federal agencies with marine mammal management authority have the tools they need to continue their successful management efforts.

I urge my colleagues to support this important conservation legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MONSIGNOR JOSEPH CHAMPLIN

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of Syracuse’s most beloved priests. Monsignor Joseph Champlin, who passed away on January 17 at the age of 77.

Throughout his life Father Joe was dedicated not only to the priesthood and his faith, but also to the people and communities he served.

Ordained in 1956, Father Joe served for 50 years in the Syracuse Diocese. He served as pastor in three parishes, including as rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception from 1995 until his retirement in 2005. Even in retirement, Msgr. Champlin was active in the church and the community. In 2006 he became priest in residence at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Warners, New York.

Father Joe was known worldwide for being a prolific writer. He wrote more than 62 books and pamphlets on liturgy, pastoral theology, love, and marriage. In fact, Father Champlin’s “Together for Life” continues to lead Catholic couples across the country and around the world through preparation for marriage.

In addition to his success as a writer, Msgr. Champlin remained committed to the people of the greater Syracuse area throughout his